



The Cathedral Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School



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1 Peter 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Friday 26th April 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear All

There are occasions when school is very busy, but not necessarily things that make newsletter headlines. Firstly, our clubs have all restarted. However, with such packed lunchtimes and our very special concert with the Young Caprice Wind Band on 11th May, to reduce children being torn a between commitments, 11+ is rescheduled for Monday next week.

On the subject of 11+, particularly to parents in Year 4 and 5, whose children have signed up or have been signed up to attend, this is exploratory and extra. My experience is that the sessions can increase pupil confidence as they are able to successfully complete questions. It also allows us to see who has the speed and accuracy and who would thrive in the selective schools. It is always worth discussing this with the school, because whilst we appreciate parental ambition and we want to see all our pupils reaching their potential, we are also able to stand back and see the effect on mental health. This may not be the best route. There many excellent secondary schools in Chelmsford with environments where our pupils thrive and hit the heights!

Other aspects of this week, were the Year 6 doing practice SATS in the hall, thus impacting on the use of the hall. Some worship was held in classes with changes in the timetable to meet together in the hall around the papers as well as House meetings. House worship takes place in the vertical groups and is led by the older pupils in the house. This increases thinking and reflection on our vision and themes.

The netball team continue their run of spectacular wins this week. It is good to see it being played in the same spirit as the girl's football team who, not yet so successful with goals, show the qualities of resilience and sportspersonship, we so value.

Although we change uniforms on 1st May, we would be grateful for Year 4 pupils taking part in the Mighty Oak public Speaking competition staying with winter uniform for that event. The PTA are holding an afterschool second-hand uniform sale on 1st May to support the uniform change.

On the subject of uniform, ever mindful of the cost of uniform, we have not passed on the last two increases in cost. In order to maintain this uniform and its distinctiveness,(another local school, Lawford Mead shares our colour), I need to alert you to a minor increase in new uniform will be announced by the PTA who administer the new uniform.

Best wishes

Mrs Wiskin

Key Dates for Your Diary

- PTA EYFS Disco 12:30pm - 2pm 27.04.2024
- PTA KS1 Disco 2:30pm - 4pm 27.04.2024
- **Middle School Assembly - Class 8 2:45pm 02.05.2024**
- May Day Bank Holiday 06.05.2024
- **Upper School Assembly - Class 9 2:45pm 09.05.2024**
- School Choir Guesting at St Andrew Church 11.05.2024
- **IOW Parents Meeting 3:30pm - Class 10 16.05.2024**
- Pentecost Service - Cathedral 17.05.2024
- Non Pupil Day 24.05.2024
- Half Term (inc Whitsun Bank Holiday) 27.05.2024 - 31.05.2024
- Non Pupil Day 03.06.2024
- IOW Year 6 residential visit 03.06.2024 –07.06.2024
- Sports Day Middle School PM 13.06.2024
- Sports Day EYFS, Lower School AM 14.06.2024
- Sports Day Upper school PM 14.06.2024
- Lunchtime Concert 21.06.2024
- Junior Music Festival 25.06.2024
- Year 4 Sleepover 28.06.2024
- Leavers Service 09.07.2024

[Please view our calendar for all events](#)

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Lunch Menu week commencing 29th April 2024

THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Week Two Lunch Menu



MONDAY	OPTION 1 Chicken Curry Rice Mixed Veg Naan bread	OPTION 2 Jacket Potato Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Baked beans	Dessert Fruit Crumble & custard
TUESDAY	OPTION 1 Homemade Sausage Roll Potatoes Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	OPTION 2 Carrot, Courgette & Cheese Roll Potatoes Sweetcorn, Baked Beans	Dessert School's Favourite Sponge
WEDNESDAY	OPTION 1 Roast Chicken Crispy Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Seasonal Vegetables (optional gravy)	OPTION 2 Roast Quorn Fillet Crispy Roast Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Seasonal Vegetables (optional gravy)	Dessert Flapjack
THURSDAY	OPTION 1 Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake	OPTION 2 Mediterranean Roasted Vegetable Pasta	Dessert School's Favourite Biscuit
FRIDAY	OPTION 1 Fillet of Fish Chips Peas	OPTION 2 Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pasta, Salad & Sweetcorn	Dessert Fruit Day & Cream

Also available daily;
Fresh wholemeal bread; salad bar; fresh fruit, milk and water

Please remember to pre-order lunches on SCOPAY even if your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home.
Instructions can be found on our [website/parent's page](#)



Nut Free School The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts, We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes or in theirs snacks.
Please can we remind parents to cut grapes in half. Thank you for co-operation.

Weekly Special Achievement Awards



EYFS

Florence M

Atiana-Rae Z

Lower School

Alfie L

Astrid B

Kuzey B

Middle School

Alice W

Finn D

Holly-Ann B

Upper School

Tommy T

Jaime D

Nathan J

April External Achievement Awards

Congratulations!



Oliver from class 10 swam 8k in March and raised £760 for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Well Done !

At the end of every month we celebrate pupil's external achievements in the our Newsletter and on our X page.

If you would like an achievement to be published please send a photo and a brief description to office@cathedralschool.essex.sch.uk.

Netball League Match v Westlands

Well done everyone on this evenings 34-0 win. An excellent game with some good channels of play. Some great shooting too!

Thank you to all the parents who offered support and transport!



Football League Match v Westlands

Well done, girls! A fantastic, spirited performance in the second half in particular.

So pleased considering so many of you were playing on that surface for the first time.

Goals from Raizel and Holly (so unlucky with an awesome free-kick), great tackling from Janelle and Phoebe, fantastic midfield play by Michelle, Bella and Olive, while some great saves at the end from Esme - including one from her own team-mate! And congratulations to Gilana for never stopping running in her first-ever football match.

Thank you to all the parents who offered support, transport and kept the team entertained as I waited for a taxi!





Tickets now available!
£18 for a one day wristband
 (saving £10 on on-the-day entry)

Please message Cathy on 07990 722131 to get yours!
 Collection available at school drop off or pick up most days.

Ticket to be exchanged for a wristband at Adventures Island, ticket valid until Dec 2024. Please see Adventure Island website for opening hours.

SUMMER UNIFORM CHANGE



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
 3.20pm, Wednesday, 1 May, in the playground

Community News



We would like to share information from our wider community with you such as; local events, and information from other relevant organisations including special offers.

To visit the Community Page [Click Here](#)

School Crossing Patrol Officer Vacancy

Are you looking for an opportunity to support your local community?

Come and join Essex County Council's School Crossing Patrol Team,
We currently have a vacancy serving:

£11.81 per hour
Term Time Only - Part Time Hours

To apply visit www.workingforessex.com, or call the Resourcing
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